

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

DAVID LEE HUGGINS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CV417-054
)	
NANCY A. BERRYHILL, ¹ Acting)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Proceeding *pro se*, David Lee Huggins has timely filed a Complaint asking the Court to review the final denial of his social security disability claim. Doc. 1. The Court now preliminarily screens plaintiffs' complaint.²

¹ Nancy A. Berryhill is now the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, and has been substituted for Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin as the defendant in this suit pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

² District courts have the inherent power to *sua sponte* dismiss frivolous lawsuits, even those where the plaintiff pays the required filing fee. *See Cuyler v. Aurora Loan Services, LLC*, 2012 WL 10488184 at * 2 (11th Cir. 2012) (notwithstanding filing fee payment, "a district court has the inherent authority to dismiss a patently frivolous complaint"); *Jefferson Fourteenth Assocs. v. Wometco de Puerto Rico, Inc.*, 695 F.2d 524, 526 n. 3 (11th Cir. 1983) (noting that courts may *sua sponte* dismiss actions for lacking merit "if the proper procedural steps are taken and if the determination is correct on the merits"); *Wilkerson v. Georgia*, 2014 WL 3644179 at * 1 (S.D. Ga. July 21, 2014) (dismissing *pro se* complaint on frivolity grounds even though plaintiff paid full filing fee), *rev'd on other grounds* 618 F. App'x 610 (11th Cir. 2015).

Huggins doesn't provide the Court with much. He complains that benefits were denied, but he doesn't offer the Court even a hint about his diagnoses, how they affect his ability to work, or why the ALJ concluded he was not disabled. *See* doc. 1. The Court needs more. Given his *pro se* status, and in view of Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)'s admonition to give leave freely "when justice so requires," the Court will give plaintiff another shot:

In his Amended Complaint, plaintiff must sufficiently allege facts demonstrating that he is entitled to relief.³ If Plaintiff fails to file an Amended Complaint *within 21 days* from the date this Order is served, or fails to cure the deficiencies identified above, the Court will recommend that the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice.

SO ORDERED, this 14th day of June, 2017.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

³ To demonstrate entitlement to relief, plaintiff must set forth: (1) a short, plain description of his alleged physical or emotional impairments, when he contends they became disabling, and how the impairments prevent him from working; (2) a summary of all the administrative proceedings before the Social Security Administration; and (3) a short, separate statement of each of his legal claims explaining *why* the evidence does not support the Social Security Administration's findings and denial of benefits.